

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A method of producing a foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal comprising the step of adding vitamin E, vitamin C ~~and a carotenoid~~ and taurine to the foodstuff thereby producing a foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage.
2. canceled
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carotenoid is one or more of beta carotene, lutein or lycopene.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin E is present at a concentration of from 25IU/400kcal diet or above.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin C is present at a concentration of from 10mg/400kcal or above.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carotenoid is present at a concentration of from 0.01mg/400kcal or above.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~21~~, wherein the taurine is present at a concentration of from 80mg/400kcal or above.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the foodstuff is selected from a group consisting of dry, wet, and semi dry foodstuff and a supplement.
9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the companion animal is selected from a group consisting of a cat, dog, horse, fish, bird, rabbit and guinea pig.

10. (currently amended) A process for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal comprising the step of feeding the companion animal a foodstuff containing an effective amount of vitamin E, vitamin C and a carotenoid and taurine to reduce nucleic acid damage in the companion animal.
11. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein the nucleic acid damage is DNA damage.
12. canceled
13. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein the carotenoid is one or more of beta carotene, lutein or lycopene.
14. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein vitamin E is present at a concentration of from 25IU/400kcal diet or above.
15. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein vitamin C is present at a concentration of from 10mg/400kcal or above.
16. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein carotenoid is present at a concentration of from 0.01mg/400kcal or above.
17. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~12~~10, wherein taurine is present at a concentration of from 80mg/400kcal or above.
18. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein the components are administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

19. (original) The process of claim 10, wherein the companion animal is selected from a group consisting of a cat, dog, horse, fish, bird, rabbit and guinea pig.